Allocation for free education for Women in the States

1823. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Centre has given any aid to the States for implementation of the Scheme of free education for girls upto class twelve in 1988-89;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the specific steps taken to expand women education in 1988-89 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI) : (a) to (c) Following the Government's decision to make girl's education free upto class XII throughout the country a scheme of "Reimbursement of tution fee charged from girls in classes IX to XII to States/UT's" was formulated. All the States/UTs were requested to make education free for girls studying in classes IX to XII and submit their claims on account of tution fee for reinbursement. During 1988-89, a sum of Rs. 9·00 crores was reimbursed for the purpose.

Under the non-formal education programmes, assistance had been given for setting up non-formal education centres for children through voluntary agencies and the State Governments in the educationally backward States and in urban slums, hilly, desert and tribal areas and areas with concentration of working children in the other States.

The Government had approved the shceme of setting up Residential Polytechnics for Women. A large proportion of activities under the National Literacy Mission would also be for women.

The University Grants Commission provided development grants to colleges which had a minimum enrolment of 250 students in degree courses. In the case of women's colleges, the Commission relaxed this requirement to 150 students. In addition, the Commission also provided 75% of the approved cost for construction of women's hostels. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for construction of hostels for girls is also being implemented by the Ministry of Welfare for SC/ST and the expenditure is being shared by the Centre and the State Governments on 50 : 50 basis while assistance to UT Administrations is provided on 100% basis.

Transport system in Delhi

1824. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is of the view that there is need for introduction of new mode of transport system in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether any measures have been taken in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) At the instance of Ministry of Urban Development, Delhi Administration have entered into an agreement with the Rail India Technical and Eco. Service Ltd. the (RITES) for preparation of a detailed feasibility project report for the construction of rail based mode of transport on the East West corridor from Vivek Vihar in East Delhi to Vikas Puri in West.